Licensed contract agreement for business on Railway Stations/Platforms

3398. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any licensed contract agreement on the Railways wherein sole-selling-right clause is provided/available for conducting business on stations and platforms, available for conducting business on stations and platforms, if so, what are the details with names thereof; and

(b) what is the number of licensed contracts where in the tenure is more than five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) M/s. A. H. Wheelear and Co. have sole selling right at certain individual stations, mentioned in the agreement executed with them except that the railways can permit sale of Books etc. by non-profit making institutions or philanthropic institutions. The sole selling right, however, does not extend to allotment of stalls on new platforms at stations where Wheelers have sole selling right.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Facilities at Anand Vihar station in Delhi

3399. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided a new railway station named Anand Vihar in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether Catering, Vending Book-Stall, cycle stand etc., facilities have been provided at the Station;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any provision for expansion of this stations as a Junction station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Anand Vihar is a Contractor operated halt station which is open for passengers only.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is a proposal for providing a directional terminal at Anand Vihar. This would be finalised when necessary land is acquired by Delhi Development Authority and handed over to the Railway.

Delayed/cancelled flight of National Airlines

3400. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Air India and Vayudoot flights delayed in each of the last six months;

(b) which flights were cancelled during the said period and the reasons for cancellation in each case; and

(c) what is the number of these flights which were cancelled due to engine or other mechanical/maintenance troubles and lack of supporting ground facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Percentage of Air India flights delayed 30 minutes and above, during the last six months is given below. Information in respect of Valudoot flights is being collected